

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 294
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Father Joseph N. Perry
upon his meritorious service to the Roman
Catholic Church and to his fellow citizens.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who have
given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Father Joseph N. Perry, who is a priest of
the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, having been ordained in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Father Perry's roots lie in Nashville, Tennessee, where his father attended
St. Vincent de Paul School in the late 1920s; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his remarkable endeavors, Father Perry dedicated
eighteen years in the central offices of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in the department of the
Tribunal, supervising diocesan and appeal courts; he received his first pastorate in June of
1995; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the church teaching church history and
comparative religions at St. Thomas More and Pius XI high schools in Milwaukee, Father Perry
still finds time to teach canon law at Sacred Heart Seminary, Hales Corners, Wisconsin and
most recently at Marquette University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Father Joseph N. Perry lends his incredible talents to such noteworthy
duties as being chaplain of a statewide professional group of lawyers and judges called the St.
Thomas More Lawyers Society of Wisconsin; he publishes in several canon law journals and is
a frequent speaker on civil issues on canon law; and

WHEREAS, Father Perry exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a truly public-spirited citizen; and

WHEREAS, his All Saints Parish sponsors and funds a \$400,000 scholarship endowment for inner city Catholic youth attending Milwaukee Catholic schools, which awards scholarships annually to families desiring Catholic education for their children; and

WHEREAS, Father Perry's display of intellectual prowess is displayed by his advanced degrees in philosophy, theology and canon law; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend his dedication to the greater good and public welfare; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Father Perry for his meritorious service to the Roman Catholic Church and his fellow citizens and wish him every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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